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	Birch \$65.00	\$43.00
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Folding Beds.

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Dining Tables.

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Parlor and Library Tables.

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Tapestry \$17.50	\$12.5
Oak Couch, Leather \$21.00	\$14.5
Corduroy \$23.00	\$15.0
Tapestry \$24.00	\$16.6
Karpentine \$22.00	\$16.2
Kaiser Plush \$30.00	\$19.6
Corduroy, with pillow \$25.00	\$19.
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Office Desks.

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Oak \$18.00	\$8.90
White and Gold \$12.50	\$9.00
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During the next week the office of Whit-Wheateroft & Co. had its usual aspect of prosperous placidity. The routine work was done in the routine way; the porter opened the office every morning and the office boy arrived a few minutes after it was opened; the clerks came at 9, and a little later the partners were to be seen in the inner office reading the morning's cor-

The Whittiers, father and son, had had a discussion with Mr. Wheatcroft as to the

a discussion with Mr. Wheatcroft as to the most advisable course to adopt to prevent the future leakage of the trade secrets of the firm. The senior partner succeeded in dissuading the junior partner from the employing of detectives.

"Not yet," he said, "not yet. These clerks have all served us faithfully for years, and I don't want to submit them to the indignity of being 'shadowed'—that's what they call it, isn't it?—of being shadowed by :ome cheap hireling who may try to distort the most innocent acts into evidence of guilt, so that he can show us how smart he is."

"But this sort of thing can't go on forever," ejaculated Mr. Wheatcroft. "If we are to be underbid on every contract worth having we might as well go out of the business!"

"That's true, of course," Mr. Whittler

"That's true, of course," Mr. Whittler admitted, "but we are not sure that we are being underbid unfairly"—

"The Tuxedo Company have taken away three contracts from us in the past two months," cried the junior partner. "We can be sure of that, can't we?"

"We have lost three contracts, of course," returned Mr. Whittler, in his most conciliatory manner, "and the Tuxedo people have captured them. But that may be only a coincidence after all."

"It is a pretty expensive coincidence for

coincidence after all."
"It is a pretty expensive coincidence for us," snorted Mr. Wheatcroft.
"But because we have lost money," the senior partner rejoined gently, laying his hand on Mr. Wheatcroft's arm, "that's no nand on Mr. Wheatcroft's arm, "that's no reason why we should also lose our heads. It is no reason why we should depart from our old custom of treating every man fairly. If there is any one in our employ here who is selling us, why, if we give him rope shough, he will hang himself sooner or later."

'And before he suspends himself that "And before he suspends nimsen that way," cried Mr. Wheatcroft, "we may be forced to suspend ourselves."
"Come, come, Wheatcroft," said the senior partner, "I think we can afford to stand the loss a little longer. What we can't af-

ford to do is to lose our self-respect by do-ing something irreparable. It may be that we shall have to employ detectives—but I don't think the time has come yet." "Very well," the junior partner declared, yielding an unwilling consent. "I don't in-sist on it. I still think it would be best not to waste any more time—but I don't insist. What will happen is that we shall lose the rolling of those steel rails for the Springfield and Athens road—that's all."

Paul Whittler had taken no part in this



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discussion. He agreed with his father, and he saw no need for him to urge any further argument.

Now he looked up and asked when they intended to put in the bid for the rails. His father then explained that they were expecting a special estimate from the engineers at the Ramapo works, and that it would probably be Saturday before this could be discussed by the partners and the discussion. He agreed with his father, and he saw no need for him to urge any further argument.

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termined.

"And if we don't want to lose that contract for sure," lisisted Mr. Wheatcroft, "I think we had better change the combination on that safe."

"May I suggest," said Paul, "that it seems to me better to leave the combination as it is. What we want to do is not to get this Springfield and Athens contract

to get this Springfield and Athens contract so much as to find out whether some one really is getting at the letter book. Therefore we musn't make it any harder for the some one to get at the letter book."

"Oh, very well," Mr. Wheatcroft assented a little ungraciously, "Have it your own way. But I want you to understand now that I think you are only postponing the inevitable."

And with that the subject was dropped. For several days the three men who were together for hours in the office of the Ramapo iron and steel works refrained from any discussion of the question which was most prominent in their minds.

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It was on Wednesday that the tall clock that Paul Whittier had broken returned from the repairers. Paul himself helped the men to set it again in its old place in the corner of the office, facing the safe which occupied the corner diagonally op-

posite. It so chanced that Paul came down late It so chanced that Paul came down late on Thursday morning, and perhaps this was the reason that a pressure of delayed work kept him in the office that evening iong after every one else. The clerks had all gone, even Major Van Zandt, always the last to leave—and the porter had come in twice before the son of the senior partner was ready to go for the night. The gas was lighted here and there in the long narrow deserted store as Paul long, narrow, deserted store, as Paul walked through it from the office to the street. Outside the swift twillight of a New York November nad already settled down on the city.

"Can't I carry yer bag for ye, Mister Paul?" asked the porter, who was showing him out.
"No, thank you, Mike," was the young man's answer. "That bag has very little in it. And besides I haven't got to carry

The next morning Paul was the first of the three to arrive. The clerks were in their places already, but neither the senior or the junior partner had yet come. The porter happened to be standing under the wagon archway as Paul Whittier was about the enter the sterk.

about to enter the store.

The young man saw the porter and a mischevious smile hovered about the corners of his mouth.

"Mike," he said, pausing on the doorstep, "do you think you ought to smoke while you are cleaning out our office in the morning?" the morning?"
"Sure I haven't had me pipe in me
mouth this mornin' at all," the porter
answered, taken by surprise.
"But yesterday morning?" Paul pursued.
"Yesterday mornin'," Mike echoed, not a

little puzzled. fore eight you were in the private office smoking a pipe—"
"But how did you see me, Mister Paul?"

"Well, Mister Paul, I won't do it again," the porter promised.
"And I wouldn't encourage Bob to smoke

either." Paul continued.

"I encourage him?" inquired Mike.

"Yes," Paul explained, "yesterday morning you let him light his cigarette from your pipe—didn't you?*

"Were ye peekin' in thro' the winder, Mister Paul?" the porter asked, eagerly.

"Ye saw me—an' I never saw ye at all."

"No," the young man answered, "I can't say that I saw you myself. A little bird told me." And with that he left the wondering por ter and entered the store. Just inside the



"Can't I carry your bag for you?" dcor was the office boy, who hastily hid an unlighted cigarette as he caught sight an unlighted cigarette as he caught sight of the senior partner's son.
When Paul saw the red-headed boy he smiled again mischievously.
"Bob," he began, "when you want to see who can stand on his head longest, you or Danny the bootblack, don't you think you could choose a better place than the private office?"

The office boy was quite as much taken by surprise as the porter had been; but he was younger and quicker-witted.

"And when did I have Danny in the of-"And when did T have Danny in the office?" he asked, defiantly.
"Yesterday morning," Paul answered, still smiling, "a little before half-past eight."
"Yesterday morning," repeated Bob, as though trying hard to recall all the events of the day before. "Maybe Danny did come in for a minute."
"He played leapfrog with you all the way into the private office," Paul went on, while Bob looked at him with increasing wonder.

while Bon looked at wonder. "How did you know?" the office boy asked, frankly. "Were you lookin' through the windows?" "How do I know that you and Danny

"How do I know that you and Danny stood on your heads in the corner of the office with your heels against the safe, scratching off the paint? Next time I'd try the yard, if I were you. Sports of that sort are more fun in the open air." And with that parting shot Paul went on his way to his own desk, leaving the office boy greatly nuzzled. Later in the day Bob and Mike exchanged confidences, and neither was ready with any explanation.

"At school," Bob declared, "we uster think teacher had eyes in the back of her head. She was everlastingly catchin' me when I did things behind her back. But Mr. Paul beats that—for he see me doin' things when he wa'n't here."

"Mister Paul wa'n't here, for sure, yesterday mornin," Mike asserted, "I'd take me oath o' that. An' if he wa'n't here, how could he see me givin' ye a light from me pipe? Answer me that! He says it's a little bird told him—but that's not it. I'm thinkin'. Not but what they have clocks with birds into 'em that come out an' tell the time o' day—'cuckoo!' 'cuckoo!' 'cuckoo!' An' if that big clock he broke last week had a bird that could tell time that way I'd break he thing quick—so I would."

"It ain't no bird," said Bob, "you can bet your life on that. No birds can't tell him nothin' more'n you can catch 'em by puttin' sait on their tails. I know what it is Mr. Paul does—least I know how he does it. It's second sight, that's what it is! I see a man onct at the theayter, an' he—"

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About half an hour after Paul had arrived at the office, Mr. Wheatcroft appeared. The junior partner hesitated in the doorway for a second and then entered.
Paul was watching him, and the same mischievous smile flashed over the face of the young man.

mischievous simile inside over the lace of the young man.

"You need not be alarmed today, Mr. Wheatcroft," he said, "there is no fascinating female waiting for you this morning."

"Confound the woman!" ejaculated Mr. Wheateroft, testily. "I couldn't get rid of "But you subscribed for the book at last,"

"But you subscribed for the book at last," asserted Paul, "and she went away happy."
"I believe I did agree to take one copy of the work she showed me," admitted Mr. Wheatcroft, a little sheepishly. Then he looked up suddenly. "Wny, bless my soul," he cried, "that was yesterday morning—" "Allowing for differences of clocks," Paul returned, "it was about ten minutes to 10 restorder, morning."

returned, "it was about ten minutes to 10 yesterday morning."
"Then how do you come to know anything about it? I should like to be told that!" the junior partner inquired. "You did not get down till nearly 12."
"I had an eye on you," Paul answered, as the smile again flitted across his face.
"But I thought you were detained all the morning by a sick friend," insisted Mr. Wheatcroft.
"So I was," Paul responded. "And if you won't believe I had an eye on you all I can say then is—that a little bird told me."
"Stuff and nonsense!" cried Mr. Wheatcroft. "Your little bird had two legs, hadn't it?"
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"I mean two legs in a pair of trousers," explained the junior partner, rumpling his grizzled hair with an impatient gesture.

"You see now how uncomfortable it is to be shadowed." said Paul, turning the topic, as his father entered the office.

That Saturday afternoon Mr. Whittier and Mr. Wheatcroft agreed on the bid to be made on the steel rails needed by the Springfield and Athens road. While the elder Mr. Whittier wrote the letter to the railroad with his own hand, his son maneuvered the junior partner into the outer office, where all the clerks happened to be at work, including the old bookkeeper. Then Paul maraged his conversation with Mr. Wheatcroft so that any one of the five employes who chose to listen to the apparently careless talk should know that the firm had just made a bid on another important contract. Paul also spoke as though both his father and himself would

probably go out of town that Saturday night to remain away until Monday morn-

Just before the store was closed for the night Paul Whittier wound up the eight-day clock that stood in the corner opposite the private safe.

(To be continued on Tuesday.)

THIRTY MINERS ENTOMBED. Terrible Disaster in the Calumet Mines.

Over thirty miners, mostly Austrian trimmers, were entombed in the Osceola copper mine, at Calumet, Mich., Saturday, and, as the entrances were battened up to extinguish the fire that caused the disaster all hope of rescue was given up. This is the greatest loss of life that has ever occurred in the copper country.

The fire broke out at 3 o'clock from un known cause in the twenty-seventh level As Capt. Edwards was making his way to No. 3 shaft he smelled wood burning, but some of the miners working in the levels there would not believe there was fire in the mine, as they could not smell any smoke or hear flames crackling. On nearing No. 3 shaft Capt. Edwards met Capt. Trenberts and a party of men who were looking for the fire, and on reaching the shaft they found a large quantity of log-

shaft they found a large quantity of logging on fire.

Capt. Trenberts and a party of men were left to fight the fire below, while Capt. Edwards went to the surface to get a hose, but when he returned he found that the smoke had made an updraft instead of a down, and in consequence he had to come back to the surface as fast as possible.

Word was immediately sent to the men in the mine for all to come to the surface, which mest of them succeeded in doing, but there still remain in the dry house thirty suits of clothes, and it is supposed that that number were unable to get out in time, and are entombed 2,700 feet below the curface, with no possible avenue of escape. time, and are entombed 2,700 feet below the surface, with no possible avenue of escape. The scene at the Opeeche shaft, where many of the men came up, was deeply heartrending, thousands having gathered around the mouth of this shaft, many women and children standing around, looking for their husbands and fathers. Searching parties were sent down in New 1999. parties were sent down in Nos. I and 2 shafts to try and reach them from the drifts leading to No. 3 shaft above the twenty-seventh level, but were unsuccessful. The mouths of the shafts were then battened up.

Steam Trial of the Texas.

Orders have been given for the official team trial of the second-class battleship Texas on the 12th instant. The test will consist of a run of four hours out to sea and while the trial will not be a test of speed, it is understood that the ship will be expected to approximate her best work on this occasion. The contract calls for 8,000 horse-power.

The St. Louis Accepted.

As a result of her recent successful trial run in the English channel, the American line steamship St. Louis has been accepted by the government as a vessel of the first class for ocean mail service. She developed a speed of 22.20 knots per hour for four hours on her official trial.

AN INCENDIARY CONSPIRACY. Clockwork Used to Precipitate Chem-icals and Cause Fires,

A special from Montreal says: The greatest arson conspiracy that has ever been concocted in America was unearthed in Montreal Saturday. Warrants are out for ten of the most prominent merchants in the city and three of them have already been arrested. The thing started with the arrest of three men-Jen-

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About five weeks ago these men were arrested for setting fire to the wholesale stationery store of Boyd, Gillis & Company. Boyd, the senior member, suddenly left for Europe, and when Clores, after his arrest, turned queen's evidence it was found that Boyd was connected with the matter, approved of it and procured part of the receipts which the insurance adjusters awarded as damages.

The evidence showed that there was a widespread conspiracy, which has ramifications in the states and all through Canada. It was found that the conspirators were in the habit of setting fire to the places by means of a clockwork arrangement. This was made of an alarm clock with bell taken off. On the top was a thin glass bowl of sulphuric acid and below it a bowl containing methylated spirits. When the hour came for the clock to strike the alarm the hammer broke the glass bowl, and as the sulphuric acid was precipitated into the methylated spirits the combination burst out in fiames.

Mr. J. F. Quinn, crown prosecutor, went to New York to inquire into the United States end of the conspiracy. Nine warrants were sworn out. These were for William Thomas, John R. Elser, Castle, Sasseville, Richards, Dagenas, Davis, all furriers, and Bellaus and Lowenthal, wholesale clothiers. A small army of detectives were sent out.

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The total amount of the men's peculations is said to be about \$100,000. The arrests have created the greatest sensation.

CHARGED WITH FORGERY.

sersational Allegations Against Butte Officials.

Warrants have been issued at Butte, Mont., for several men in high standing, charged with the forgery of city lng, charged with the forgery of city warrants on different funds during the last city administration. The arrests will result in startling disclosures, and the names on the warrants indicate that few men connected with the late administration will escape being drawn into the scantal that will result. The prosecuting officers claim that the fictitious warrants will amount all the way from \$20,000 to \$100,000.

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